

## IN THE CLAIMS

- (1) (Original) In a surface light source device having a light-emitting unit  
5 comprising a point light source and a light guide, a reflecting surface being provided on the reverse side of the light guide and also having a prism pattern, a surface light source characterised in that a directional light-diffusing film which diffuses and allows light to pass, comprising two phases with differing refractive indices, and which in addition to the phase with the greater refractive index  
10 including a plurality of regions with a columnar structure extending in the direction of the thickness of the film, has said columnar structure inclined at an angle of more than 5° and less than 60° to the normal direction of the film, is provided beside the light-outputting surface of the light guide in such a way that the direction of diffusion of the directional light-diffusing film is in the same direction  
15 as the direction of the unevenness in brightness.
- (2) (Original) The surface light source device claimed in Claim (1), characterised in that said directional light-diffusing film is bonded to said light guide or prism sheet with prism pattern using a light-diffusing adhesion agent containing  
20 microparticles with a diameter of 0.1 - 50 µm.
- (3) (Original) The surface light source device claimed in Claim (2), characterised in that said light-diffusing adhesion agent contains minute particles with diameters in the range of 1-100 nm whose refractive index is 1.8 or greater.  
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- (4) (Currently Amended) The surface optical source device claimed in claim 2 ~~Claims (2) and (3)~~, characterized in that the refractive index of said light-diffusing adhesion agent is 1.55 or greater.
- 30 (5) (Currently Amended) The surface optical source device claimed in claim 1 ~~any of Claims (1)-(4)~~, characterized in that said columnar structure has a structure such that the refractive index varies gradually along the axis line of said columnar structure.

(6) (Currently Amended) The surface light source device claimed in claim 1 ~~any of Claims (1)-(5)~~, characterized in that said light-emitting unit is positioned facing the centre of the end surface of the light guide, the direction of diffusion of said directional light-diffusing film being parallel to the other end.

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(7) (Currently Amended) The surface light source device claimed in claim 1 any of Claims (1)-(6), characterized in that said light-emitting unit is positioned facing the angled end surface of the light guide, the direction of diffusion of said directional light-diffusing film being directed towards the angle facing the light-emitting unit.

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